

SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Local Project Delivery Sub-Committee
SJCOG Conference Room
555 E. Weber Avenue
Stockton, CA 95202

Thursday, January 14, 2010

DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donald Mascardo at 9:00 am. Introductions were made.

Members Present:

Zabih Zaca, City of Tracy; Brennen Buttram, San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission; Nabil Hasen, Caltrans, District 10; Ryan Bouley, City of Lathrop; Cindy Erdman, City of Stockton; Nathan Atherstone, San Joaquin Regional Transit District.

SJCOG Staff Present:

Wil Ridder, Senior Regional Planner; Sam Kaur, Associate Regional Planner; Donald Mascardo, Associate Regional Planner; Laurel Boyd, Office Assistant II.

Minutes:

None.

2. **Public Comments:** None.

3. **Caltrans Local Assistance Update**

D10 Environmental Support Group Staffing Change

Mr. Ridder stated the Local Project Delivery Committee (LPDC) meeting was created for a project tracking purpose on an as needed basis. With the State's deficit the need to meet on a consistent basis grew and then increased with the ARRA program. SJCOG staff predicts it will become more consistent over the next few months. State legislature is trying to pass an ARRA II program; which will impact Caltrans, District 10 and local agencies. Currently all COG's need to know where everyone is with their projects and staff will be limited with the amount of changes or issues that may arise during the FTIP amendment process. Local agencies need to keep in mind, the environmental process and address any issues as soon as possible because the ARRA II program may only give local agencies 90 days to award and 120 days for the second award date. It is also possible that ARRA II funds may go directly to the CTC for their backlog of projects.

Mr. Ridder continued to state SJCOG staff received an email regarding the increased emphasis on reporting ARRA projects. If agencies are falling behind on their ARRA projects, they are at risk for losing funding. The feds are pushing all COG's to become more involved and to make sure the reporting is done correctly otherwise the

feds are stripping obligations completely. There needs to be a collective understanding of strategies; staff will be processing the paperwork to minimize the risk of losing funds to the San Joaquin region. SJCOG staff will follow up with obligations, award dates and clear any issues, the bid process and the balances moving forward.

This item was for discussion only, no action was taken.

4. **ARRA Local Agency Project Management Review**

Mr. Ridder stated local agencies are to submit any remaining ARRA projects to Caltrans, District 10. SJCOG staff has identified the I-205 Auxiliary Lane project and TE projects that are waiting for funds for the ARRA II; with an opportunity to exchange funds from the STIP for the County. The challenge with ARRA II is the funds will be awarded in 90 or 120 days from the date the President signs the bill. Some issues associated with the short time everyone will have to receive award is, how long it takes to advertise and get those projects into the FTIP. Still there's a lot that needs to get worked out at the legislative level; however staff needs to be able to stay ahead of the game.

Mr. Hasen commented environmental documents will also be tough to get completed in time.

Mr. Atherstone stated this item was discussed at ITC. For streets and roads, if applicable, because of the short time frame of 90 days where local agencies not only have to have a shovel ready project, but a bid ready for approval for Board, followed by immediate execution. If a large scale project is ready to go, there may be an opportunity to borrow or swap funds between jurisdictions that have other programming pipelines, like Prop 1B to secure the funds locally for the ARRA projects. The general idea would be to get a large scale project completed and then payback other jurisdictions with your funding commitments in another fund line to the jurisdictions you originally borrowed from. It doesn't work for transit for some other reasons, but it could work for streets and roads.

Mr. Ridder stated that is what the region has been thinking; however SJCOG staff isn't sure how the ARRA II will pan out. The ARRA II may come from the CTC or it may be distributed out.

This item was for discussion only, no action was taken.

5. **2010 FTIP Update**

CMAQ

Ms. Kaur stated the CMAQ Scoring Committee met and came up with a template and a list for the call for projects. Both are going to TAC and then to the SJCOG Board for approval; moving forward, they will be programmed into the 2011 FTIP. If

anyone has any changes or needs clarification, please see SJCOG staff. The RSTP changes will also go into the 2011 FTIP as well as any other FTIP requests.

RSTP

Ms. Kaur stated SJCOG staff will be programming RSTP projects as part of the 2011 FTIP. Agencies still determining projects need to program place holder projects for the outer years and program projects that are almost complete now. City wide overlays may request streets and roads as a backup.

Mr. Ridder stated local agencies need to get projects in and let staff know of any changes or issues because there will be little room for changes. In regards to CMAQ projects, the last round was prioritized based on ranking; SJCOG staff is doing things a little differently this round by shuffling things around. Staff will be working with the new and old list of projects in the PTMISEA program.

This item was for discussion only, no action was taken.

6. Federal Aid Program Updates

HSIP

Ms. Kaur stated SJCOG staff will be receiving a list of projects for San Joaquin County HSIP program. Staff has received funding for this cycle and agencies can ask for support dollars in this year. Delivery of HSIP safety projects for 2008-09 was about 3% of the obligated dollars. Agencies can obligate these dollars before their projects are actually programmed.

Highway Bridge Program

Ms. Kaur stated the Highway Bridge Program is not an MPO managed program. SJCOG staff would process a list of projects for Caltrans Head Quarters who then programs the projects and SJCOG is to reflect the program of projects into their FTIP. If local agencies have changes, they need to be worked out with Head Quarters. It is only after Head Quarters updates their list, that SJCOG staff can update the FTIP.

This item was for discussion only, no action was taken.

7. Delivery Plan for CMAQ, RSTP, Federal Earmarks and STIP Projects

Project Tracking Form Update

Mr. Mascardo stated SJCOG staff is still working on the Project Tracking Form, so that SJCOG staff, Caltrans, District 10 and project sponsors can update the projects and share information under one file.

Procedures and Timelines: CMAQ and RSTP Projects

Mr. Mascardo stated last year SJCOG staff obligated 100% of CMAQ and RSTP projects and this year, staff would like to do the same. Mr. Mascardo is assuming the

role of following up on all jurisdictions, environmental documents and RFA's and requested that local agencies provide updates to him directly.

Mr. Ridder stated with the State's deficit SJCOG staff needs to be ahead of the game otherwise staff could fall behind. Starting in June, the big issue staff will be limited on is the switching around of amendments in the FTIP because San Joaquin County could lose funds to their region.

This item was for discussion only, no action was taken.

8. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned to February 11, 2010.